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Filner demands freeze in gas prices

Congressman Bob Filner demanded that with war underway, gas prices nationwide be frozen immediately.

"\$4.00 for a gallon of gas is our future - unless we act. It's obvious what's going on. The big oil companies are using the international crisis to line their pockets while the American consumer suffers."

Congressman Filner's bill would make it illegal for anyone to sell gasoline at a price higher than the price of March 10, 2003. March 10th was the first day of the week that saw a spike of nearly 12 cents per gallon in San Diego gas prices.

"Local gasoline prices have now reached an all-time record high of

\$2.19.9 on average, for regular unleaded," said Congressman Filner.

"But today, I have introduced legislation that would immediately freeze the costs of gas across the country and direct the Secretary of Energy to lead a probe of the fluctuations in gasoline prices. We must stabilize gas prices immediately and eliminate this opportunistic price gouging."

Filner has been a long-time advocate of decreased gas prices and alternatives to gasoline-powered transportation.

He recently held a series of "gas summits" that explored ways to promote alternatively-fueled vehicles and stabilize gasoline prices.